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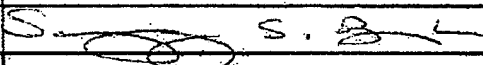
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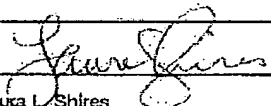
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27			
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity	
30 - 35	0	25	0	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.				50	25
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	200	100
2 - 3	0	100	0	360	180
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.				Multiple Dependent Claims	
				Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
				180	0

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